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CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Editor Banner:—Please announce that T. M. Dill of Wayne township will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner at the coming county primaries.

Editor Banner:—Please announce that William Lewis will be a candidate at the coming primaries for re-nomination for a second term for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket.

MORE BUNGLING POLITICS

It is plain to see what the Republican strategy board which governs the majority in the Ohio legislature was driving at in trying to put over Governor Harmon a substitute for his tax limit bill.

The Republican press was set in motion to discredit the measure known to have Governor Harmon's approval and to boost the substitute bill brought in by a special committee of the house selected by Speaker Mooney for that purpose.

Here are some samples from the correspondence of the staff representative of the Cleveland Leader over his own signature: "Despite Governor Harmon's insistence that his pet measure should not be altered, it was entirely rearranged by the bipartisan committee to make it, as they said, of practical value and workable," a knock for the governor's bill; and this a day later: "The Smith house bill limiting the tax levy, and not the Alsdorf bill to the same purpose, will in all probability, be written into the laws of Ohio. The Alsdorf bill, which has passed the senate, will be referred to the house taxation committee to read until the assembly adjourns. The Smith bill passed by the house yesterday, will be given early but thorough consideration by the senate committee on taxation, which will report it out. That it will pass the senate there seems to be no question," another knock for the governor's bill and a boost for the substitute rushed through the house.

Clearly another attempt to play politics with Governor Harmon's recommendations, and as in every other attempt they bungled and blundered, for Governor Harmon soon pointed out the hole in the substitute bill that would let all the tax dodgers in Ohio slip through.

"I wondered why it was that the Smith bill went through the house by such a large majority," the governor is quoted as saying. "I knew some of those city fellows were against it but I can easily see now why they voted for it."

So can everybody else after taking all the facts into consideration.

"I am against this bill in its present form," says the governor.

So every person in Ohio who pays taxes on real estate will be if the legislature puts through anything of the kind.

For this and many other reasons Republican members of the present legislature will learn next November that it doesn't pay to play politics with Governor Harmon. He has given too many proofs of his loyalty to the best interests of the people for them to tamely submit to the juvenile methods of playing politics in the legislature at their expense in the desperate desire to do something to discredit his administration.

WHERE HARMON STANDS

There is no foolishness about Governor Harmon on the tax question. When he found that the substitute bill passed by the house had a hole in it as big as a bank barn he did not hesitate to speak his mind about it. "What I am trying to accomplish," he said, "is a reform which will be of service to the people who have to pay the taxes instead of the people who have the taxes to spend. The Smith bill does not limit the tax rate to one per cent and, in fact, places no limit upon the tax rate. It is not in line with what an attempt has been made to accomplish."

That is spoken like a lawyer who understands how to read a law or a proposed law, and it is also spoken like a governor who understands how to protect the interests of the people. Governor Harmon has declared him-

self emphatically for a one per cent tax limit that means what it says, and he insists that such a measure be passed. If any other kind of a measure be passed pretending to limit the levy to one per cent yet flexible enough to be stretched to any length, the governor will assume none of the responsibility for it but will let all such responsibility rest where it will properly belong—upon a legislature which refused to act in accordance with his recommendations.

Therefore it is up to the legislature to respond to the advice of Governor Harmon or answer to the people for failing to do its full duty.

DUE TO HARMON

A big bunch of state grafters have been indicted by the Franklin county grand jury. This is directly due to Gov. Harmon's action in securing information and starting a probe. The end of the grafting revelations is not yet. Some more sensational indictments are promised. This is what comes of having an honest man for governor, and one who has the courage to do things.

GROUNDHOG A FAKER

He Saw His Shadow This Year—and Look at the Weather We're Having

(Wash. Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean) Willis L. Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau, is the victim of a professional "grouch." He has become incensed at the ground hog as a business rival. He believes his competitor should be let in for a share of the criticism and not all of it thrown at his head.

"You never pick up a paper," said Professor Moore, "that you don't see harsh criticism of the Weather Bureau. We get roasted if the weather is hot. We get roasted if the weather is cold. And when it rains the abuse that is heaped upon us is terrific."

"No matter what we do, it is wrong. If we miss the time of the coming of the rain by half an hour we are declared grossly incompetent. People make speeches and say the Weather Bureau is spending too much money. Then somebody writes a long magazine article about us." They say we never have been right for two days, on a stretch since the bureau was established.

"Naturally, being Director of the Bureau, I have to bear the brunt of this criticism. That is as it should be. Moreover, I am used to it."

"But while the abuse is going around why not be impartial with it? What about that great weather prophet—the groundhog?"

"What about ground hogs? I ask you, is he not the greatest faker, the greatest four-flusher, the greatest buncombe artist that ever pretended to look at a cloud and tell what was in it?"

"What did he do this year? Did he make good? Not a bit of it. He was as far off as we were about the probable weather conditions for March 4, 1901."

He crawled out of his hole on Feb. 2, saw his shadow, got his picture in every paper in the country and then beat it back to his lair, leaving behind the idea that the remainder of February and all of March would be marked by bad weather.

"Was it a reliable forecast? I should say not. We have had the mildest and most beautiful March in years. Yet ground hog gets off without a single roast. And next year people will be just as eager to believe in his judgment."

"That is rank favoritism and impartiality. I have nothing further to say."

MEETING OF INDIANA TEACHERS

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—From every direction in Indiana, on every train and on interurban cars throngs of teachers arrived in Indianapolis today to attend the thirty fourth annual meeting of the Southern Indiana Teachers' association, one of the largest sectional organizations of its kind in the country. The meeting has its formal opening tonight and the regular sessions will be continued over Friday and Saturday. Present indications are that all previous attendance records will be broken, and that the convention will be the greatest in the history of the association.

The chief speakers to be heard at the general sessions include Prof. Willis L. Moore, of Washington, D. C., president of the National Geographic Society; Francis J. McConnell, president of De Pauw University; Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; Dr. G. D. Strayer, of Columbia University, New York; and Dean W. T. Burris, of the College of Teachers of Cincinnati.

COMMENCEMENT AT CARLISLE

Carlisle, Pa., March 31.—Accompanied by all the ceremonies characteristic of similar previous occasions, the annual commencement exercises were held at the United States Indian School here today. The graduating class was one of the largest in the history of the institution, which was founded in 1879, and has been aided by Congress since 1883.

BUILDING**Commission Of State Sanatorium Is Abolished**

(Columbus Dispatch)

Senator Dean of Fremont introduced his bill for the abolishment of the building commission in connection with the state sanatorium at Mt. Vernon. The senator has been most pronounced in his views regarding this since the opening of the session and has urged that the commission was an entirely useless adjunct of the institution.

Under a suspension of rules the bill was read the second and third times, and immediately passed.

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FOES OF SALOON ACTIVE

Atlanta, Ga., March 31.—The Southern Anti-Saloon league conference, for which preparations have been making for several months, opened its sessions in Atlanta today and will continue its proceedings until Monday. The announced purpose of the convention is to arouse renewed enthusiasm in the battle against the liquor traffic, to discuss ways and means for securing a stricter enforcement of the laws in prohibition territory and to consider plans for pushing the fight before Congress for national prohibition legislation.

All of the States of the South are represented at the conference. Prominent among those scheduled to speak at the several sessions are Governor Haskell of Oklahoma, Congressman Hobson of Alabama, Spencer M. Marsh of Wisconsin, Bishop H. C. Morrison of Florida, Rev. J. B. Gamble of Texas, and Rev. N. A. Palmer, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league in Kentucky.

TO GREET ROOSEVELT

AT NAPLES

Naples, March 31.—Many continental tourists, among them numerous English and American travelers, are gathering in Naples in anticipation of the arrival of the steamship Prinz Heinrich with former President Roosevelt and his party aboard. The main army of newspaper correspondents, of which the several score who made the journey to upper Egypt composed merely the advance guard, is gathering here to meet the former President of the United States at the commencement of his European tour. Whether or not the European press is inclined to regard Colonel Roosevelt's visits to the various capitals and his meetings with the several rulers as of importance from the viewpoint of international politics it is certain that virtually every continental newspaper of high standing has made arrangements to "cover" the tour and follow the details of the Roosevelt travels. The forthcoming visits to Rome, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, London and other capital cities promise to attract fully as much attention and comment from the newspapers as do the exchange of visits by European rulers.

HOPE TO AVERT BIG STRIKE

London, March 31.—Although tomorrow is the day set for the inauguration of the great strike of coal miners in South Wales there is still hope that the threatened struggle may be averted or at least delayed for some time to come. The Miners' Federation of Great Britain has taken the matter up with the mine owners with a view to extending the existing agreement indefinitely while negotiations are continued for a new agreement. Should the negotiations be broken off and a general strike declared it would mean that 200,000 miners would be thrown out of employment, with the prospect that the strike would eventually affect five times that number, including railway and dock employes and others dependent upon the collieries.

MRS. W. K. VANDERBILT, JR.

Wife of Railway Magnate and Daughter of Silver King.

**ON THE ROAD TO RENO**

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Said to Have Rented Cottage.

Reno, Nev., March 31.—A report which has manifestations of reliability based upon fact has it from several sources that Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., formerly Miss Virginia Fair, daughter of the famous Cretschmer magnate of Virginia City's early days, is to join the local divorce colony here next week, notwithstanding the reported denials by her in San Francisco, where she has been visiting the past month. It is reported she has leased one of the most attractive cottages in Reno.

MINERS STRIKE IS UP IN AIR

Operators In Ohio District Expected to Sign Scale.

OTHER STATES ON THE FENCE

Lewis and Green Both Take Optimistic View of Situation in Home State—Pennsylvania and Indiana Miners Will Drop Picks Tonight Unless Agreement Is Reached in Meantime—Important Conference Being Held in Indianapolis Today.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—Operators in the Hocking Valley district in Ohio will be the first to sign the Cincinnati agreement, according to the opinion expressed by President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, who also asserts that most of the Ohio miners will be at work after tomorrow.

William Green of the Ohio miners declared that practically every mine in Ohio will be in operation again in 10 days. He said that he feared real trouble, however, in the Pennsylvania mines. The question of the new explosive amounts to a 10 per cent cut in wages, according to the miners of Pennsylvania. It is a point that the operators of that district hoped to have solved in the joint conference, and the eagerness of the Pennsylvanians in this particular prevented a complete settlement. In Pennsylvania 190,000 men will in all probability go out.

Advised to Quit Tonight. Columbus, O., March 31.—Circulars were yesterday sent out from the state office of the United Mine Workers of America, located here, advising miners in Ohio to discontinue work tonight, pending a settlement with the different operators in the state on questions under controversy. All agreements in Ohio expire today and, though work will be discontinued, it was said at Ohio district headquarters that operations probably will be resumed in a week.

Shippers Take No Chances. Pittsburgh, March 31.—Announcement is made here that a strike of the coal diggers of the Pittsburgh district will be averted when the scale expires at midnight tonight, and miners will likely continue work under a scale calling for a 5-cent increase per ton pending settlement of local differences, chief among them being the new explosives. In the meantime coal shippers are taking no chances. Orders were issued not to attempt to ship an ounce of coal by water or by rail out of the Pittsburgh district until something more definite transpires. All river boats are being loaded and sidings are piled with coal.

White Slaves. Mrs. Millyun.—Isn't it awful, dear? I see by the papers that in some cities girls are quoted just like mere cattle. Mrs. Munnay.—Isn't it? Mrs. Millyun.—But, to talk of more agreeable subjects, did I tell you that the duke insists on a million more before he will marry our Gertrude?

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Wants Closer Trade Relations With Canada.

Washington, March 31.—Canada and the United States have practically agreed upon negotiations for drafting a reciprocity treaty. Next to the averting of a threatened trade war between the countries, this is the most important result of the tariff conferences between President Taft and W. S. Fielding, the Dominion's minister of finance.

The probability of reciprocity negotiations were disclosed in the announcement by the state department of the trade agreement that has been reached with Canada. Correspondence that has passed between Secretary Knox and Mr. Fielding shows that the secretary of state already has suggested, by direction of the president, that negotiations be begun with a view to readjusting the trade relations between the countries along more liberal lines. The secretary has formally expressed the hope that the trade relations will be governed by "the spirit of cordial reciprocity and independence."

Fielding Gives Assent.

Minister Fielding in a former reply to the secretary's letter has assented to the proposition advanced by Mr. Knox and is willing to enter upon the negotiations in a manner that may be acceptable to both governments.

OFFICIALS RESTS EASIER

Roosevelt Party Leaves Cairo and Is on Way to Naples.

Alexandria, March 31.—Former President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt, Kermit and Miss Ethel sailed for Naples on the steamer Prinz Heinrich. The party was given a hearty send-off. When the party reached Alexandria Colonel Roosevelt dispatched a telegram to the khedive, thanking him for all the courtesies shown him and his family. In view of the widespread bitterness Roosevelt's tongue has stirred up among the natives, the authorities are greatly relieved that their responsibility for his personal safety has ceased.

Will Close Tonight.

Indianapolis, March 31.—The coal miners of the Indiana district of the United Mine Workers of America have been called to conference today and have asked the operators to meet them. The mines will be closed tonight, but there is a hope that the miners and operators will get together. This is not shared by many operators, however, as they say they can not advance wages.

Servant Girls Disappearing.

During the last thirty years the demand for servants has doubled, while the supply has increased only by half—in the last decade only by 5 per cent. In 1870 there was one to every twelve. Even in the recent crisis, when the cities were filled with unemployed, the demand still outran the supply. And yet during the thirty years past the number of self-supporting women—that is, the actual labor market—has more than trebled. Forty years ago a woman thrown upon her own resources would tend to select housework for a living—in fact, one woman in two did so select. Thirty years ago only every third woman entered domestic service. Ten years ago only one in four rapped at the kitchen door. The other three applied—where? Every one knows—at the shop, the factory, the store—McClure's Magazine.

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DO WOMEN WANT TO VOTE?

Do the women really want the right of suffrage? That question comes from Kansas where the women have had the legal right to vote for city officials for a quarter of a century. The actual exercises of that right ought to be the real "proof of the pudding" so far as the question of equal suffrage is concerned. There are many interesting theories advanced as to what might happen if women had the ballot, but the question as to what really happens where the right is granted is the best evidence as to whether or not there is any universal demand on the part of the women of America for the extension of suffrage.

The answer of Kansas appears to be against extension. There the women have the right to vote; but according to the statistics available on the subject, they don't vote. With Kansas women it is a matter of indifference. In the last legislature in that state an attempt was made to secure an amendment to the constitution to extend the franchise to include presidential electors and state officers but the amendment was voted down without a protest from the women. It would appear as only reasonable to conclude that after twenty-five years of limited suffrage, had it proved the success hoped for it in the beginning, the representatives in the legislature would not have dared refuse the extension. Ten years after the enactment of the statute giving the women of that state the right to

vote for city officers a constitutional amendment to increase the right of suffrage was defeated by ten thousand majority.

And there is no reason to believe that if woman suffrage has failed in Kansas for lack of interest on the part of the women, it would prove successful in any other state in the Union. For Kansas is a state of inspiration. There is absolutely nothing lacking there that would create interest in the ballot for women in any other section of the country.—Kansas City Times.

"NANNIE" ORANGES

A writer in the New York Sun visiting the West Indies says: "I was introduced to what the West Indians call the nannie orange. A nannie is one that has been allowed to remain on the tree until it is wrinkled and withered, almost dried out. Such an orange is ten times as sweet as any other. They are not sold in New York because the dealers think they are spoiled. They're right, of course. If the fruit withers after it is plucked it is no good. But the next time you see a wrinkled old orange on the stand by it. It may be a nannie."

FOR SALE—My high grade piano I bought in New York a year ago. Will take about one-half price if sold this week. J. R. Penn, Citizen's 'phone 856 Black.

Mr. Robert Baker of Danville is spending several days in Columbus, the guest of relatives and friends.